

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, November 29, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (16/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives LaJoy, Dillon, Hunter. (3/19)

Representative Baxter made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2006, supported by Representative Clemente. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2006, supported by Representative Accavitti. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Hopgood made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Stahl. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid SB 583 and SB 584 before the Committee.

SB 583 Allen State; authorities; Michigan next energy authority; revise.

SB 584 Olshove Economic development; renaissance zones; definition of alternative energy zone; modify.

Representative Accavitti made a motion to adopt SB 584 (H-1), supported by Representative Proos.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (14/0/0)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: None. (0/19) (14/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Jeremy Hendges, Legislative Aide to Senator Jason Allen, spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of SB 583 and SB 584.

The following individuals also spoke to the Committee regarding SB 583 and SB 584:

Dan Radomski, representing Next Energy, in support
James McBryde and Vince Nystrom, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), in support
Charles Griffith, representing the Ann Arbor Ecology Center, in support of SB 583
Gayle Miller, representing the Sierra Club, in support of SB 583
Zoe Lipman, representing the National Wildlife Federation, in support

Cards for SB 583 and SB 584 were submitted by:

Ron Nelson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support
Adrian Cazal, representing Noble Environmental Power, in support
Bob Tadsen, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association, in support
Steve Arwood, representing Third Planet Windpower, in support
Kate Madigan, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in support
Melissa Trustman, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber, in support

Representative Accavitti made a motion to amend SB 583 as follows, supported by Representative Garfield:

1. Amend page 3, line 3, after the first "SYSTEM" by inserting "**OR A HYDROELECTRIC ENERGY SYSTEM**".

2. Amend page 3, following line 17, by inserting:
"**(vii) RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND MANUFACTURING OF A HYDROELECTRIC ENERGY SYSTEM.**"

3. Amend page 8, following line 7, by inserting:
"**(U) 'HYDROELECTRIC ENERGY SYSTEM' MEANS A SYSTEM RELATED TO THE PROCESS OF GENERATING OR PUTTING INTO USABLE FORM THE ENERGY PRODUCED SOLELY FROM FLOWING OR FALLING WATER. THE SYSTEM MAY CONSIST OF A TURBINE, GENERATOR, ALTERNATOR, ELECTRONIC DEVICES, OR OTHER DIRECTLY RELATED COMPONENT PARTS.**"
and relettering the remaining subdivisions.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente. (13/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: Representative Huizenga. (1/19) (13/0/1)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Accavitti made a motion to report SB 583 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Mayes.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente. (14/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: None. (0/19) (14/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Accavitti made a motion to report SB 584 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Garfield.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente. (14/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: None. (0/19) (14/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:32 a.m.

Rep. Mike Nofs, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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